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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP (NPW) VISIT TO MOROCCO

REF: STATE 274270

1. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, FRG EMBASSY HERE TELLS US GOM HAS NOT REPLIED TO NOTE OF JUNE 24, 1975 RENEWING REQUEST FOR OTTO HAHN VISITS. FRG EMBASSY ADDS IT CURRENTLY NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT RENEWED AUTHORIZATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING. OTTO HAHN MADE MORE THAN SIX CALLS AT MOROCCAN PORTS BETWEEN 1971-74, WITH LAST VISIT IN FEBRUARY, 1974.

2. FRG NOTE OF JUNE 24 OF COURSE PREDATED JULY 11 CONVERSATION IN MARRAKECH BETWEEN KING AND DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS ON SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR POWERED SHIP VISITS (SEE TOP SECRET/EXDIS MEMCON-- DOCUMENT NUMBER 7514553; 1-35190/75). KING IN THAT CONVERSATION STATED THAT SUCH VISITS SHOULD START WITH CIVILIAN NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIP. INFORMED THAT U.S. NO LONGER OPERATED A NUCLEAR-POWERED MERCHANT SHIP, KING REPLIED, "ASK THE GERMANS TO SEND THEIRS". WHEN GERMAN SHIP CALLED, HE WOULD HAVE MINISTER VISIT IT AND RUMORS (ABOUT DANGERS OF NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIPS) WOULD BE WIPED OUT.

3. RECOMMENDATION: IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT KING HAS ALREADY TAKEN POSITION OUTLINED ABOVE, I DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE TALKING POINTS
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CONTAINED REFTTEL PROVIDE SUITABLE BASIS FOR DESIRED FOLLOW-UP

WITH KING AT THIS TIME. INSTEAD, I WOULD SUGGEST WE FIRST MAKE APPROACH TO FRG EITHER IN BONN OR WASHINGTON TO REQUEST THAT FRG RENEW ITS REQUEST TO GOM FOR MOROCCAN PORT VISIT BY OTTO HAHN. OUR APPROACH TO FRG WOULD NO DOUBT NEED TO INCLUDE EXPLANATION REGARDING KING'S POSITION ON VISITS BY NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIPS AND AN INDICATION THAT WE WOULD PLAN TO SUPPORT FRG'S REQUEST FOR VISIT BY OTTO HAHN. SUCH SUPPORT WOULD INVOLVE OUR REMINDING PALACE AT APPROPRIATE STAGE OF KING'S DESIRE THAT VISIT BY OTTO HAHN SHOULD PRECEDE CALL BY NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIP.

4. I WILL PLAN TO DEFER REOPENING ISSUE WITH KING WHILE AWAITING DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO FOREGOING.
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